

**Council Meeting: January 6, 2009****SUBJECT: 2009-2010 Seating Arrangements for City Council****REPORT IN BRIEF**

Council Policy 7.3.11 (Attachment A) requires that City Council seating arrangements be determined as the last item of business at the meeting during which the Mayor and/or Vice Mayor is selected.

The actual changing of seats will commence with the Council's next regular meeting scheduled on January 13, 2009.

EXISTING POLICY

See Attached Council Policy 7.3.11.

After selection of the seat to be occupied by the Vice Mayor, the following order is to be used to select the remaining seats:

	First Elected	Councilmember	# Votes last Election	Last Election date
Most Senior	2001	John Howe	N/A	N/A
	2003	Otto Lee	13,330	2007
	2003	Ron Swegles	9,577	2007
	2003	Melinda Hamilton	9,205	2007
	2005	Anthony Spitaleri	13,793	2005
	2005	Christopher Moylan	12,904	2005
Least Senior	2007	David Whittum	N/A	N/A

FISCAL IMPACT

None

PUBLIC CONTACT

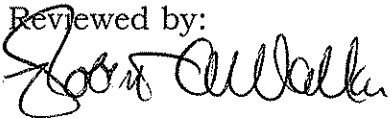
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RECOMMENDATION

Council determines the seating arrangements for 2009-2010 in accordance with existing Council Policy 7.3.11.

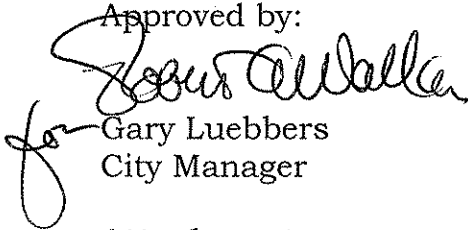
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Attachments

Attachment A: Revised Council Policy 7.3.11

Policy 7.3.11 Seating Arrangements/City Council

POLICY PURPOSE:

Section 613 of the Charter provides that the City Council shall establish rules for the conduct of its proceedings. It is the purpose of this policy to establish a process to determine the seating arrangement of Councilmembers at Council meetings.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Seating of Mayor The Mayor shall be seated in the center seat. Should the Mayor be absent, the Vice Mayor will assume the Mayor's seat.
2. Seating of the Vice Mayor The Vice Mayor shall be seated to either side of the Mayor, with the vice Mayor receiving preference for obtaining the seat.
3. Councilmember Seating
 - A. When Determined: Seating arrangements will be determined as the last item of business at a meeting during which a mayor and/or vice mayor is selected.
 - B. How Determined: Councilmembers shall select where they wish to sit on the basis of length of continuous time of service on the City Council. The selection process shall be in the order of most senior to least senior. When two or more Councilmembers have equivalent time of service, those Councilmembers shall be given priority in seat selection by the highest number of votes in his/her most recent election.

(Adopted: RTC 81-602 (10/6/1981); Amended: 84-673 (11/6/1984), 85-554 (11/12/1985), 87-590 (11/10/1987), 88-701 (11/29/1988), 89-729 (11/14/1989), 91-522 (11/12/1991), 05-357 (11/29/05))

Lead Department: Office of the City Manager